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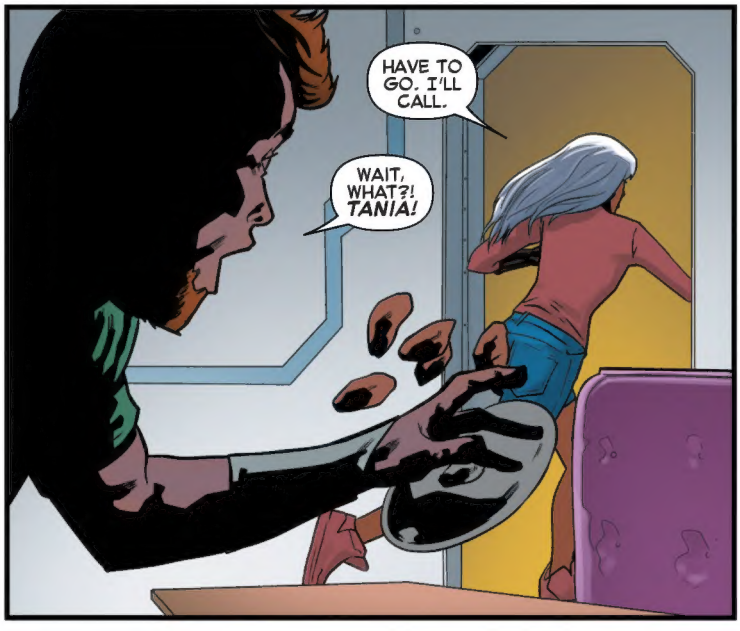
NUEVA YORK.
THE YEAR 2099.
STARKFUJIKAWA
ALCHEMAX
YOU THINK CAPTAIN AMERICA IS SEXY?
I'VE NEVER GIVEN IT ANY THOUGHT. DON'T SWING THAT WAY.
I DUNNO. I DON'T THINK A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE THAT MANY MUSCLES.
WHATEVER YOU SAY. SO HOW ABOUT WE GO TO YOUR PLACE?
ACTUALLY, I AM, TOO.
C'MON, TANIA! LET'S GRAB A DRINK FIRST! AND SOME FOOD. I'M FAMISHED.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COOL TO BE A SUPER HERO. TO BE EMPLOYED BY ALCHEMAX, HAVE EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF...
MIGHT BE RESTRICTING.
RESTRICTING HOW?

SOMEHOW. SOME WAYS. I DUNNO.
YOU DONE EATING YET?
YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY.
NOT HUNGRY.
YOU SAID YOU WERE.

NOT FOR THAT.

BLACK WIDOW. FRONT AND CENTER.
NOT NOW.
YES, TANIA, NOW. AVENGERS EMERGENCY. GET TO 123RD AND 7TH, RIGHT NOW.
DAMN IT.


HAVE TO GO. I'LL CALL.
WAIT, WHAT?! TANIA!

WHERE THE SHOCK DID SHE GO?!

WHERE'S THE BLACK WIDOW? SHE LIKES A GOOD BRAWL.
I'M TOLD SHE'S ON HER WAY.
DON'T WORRY, IRON MAN; I'M SURE WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP OURSELVES AMUSED UNTIL SHE ARRIVES.
STAY SHARP. WE'RE IN A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA; THE AVENGERS PROTECT PEOPLE, WE DON'T HURT PEOPLE DURING BATTLE. NO COLLATERAL DAMAGE.

NEW YORK IS NO MORE! IN ITS PLACE STANDS NUEVA YORK, A TOWERING METROPOLIS FILLED WITH NEW INCARNATIONS OF THE HEROES OF THE PAST! TAKING ON THE MANTLES OF SUCH HEROES AS CAPTAIN AMERICA, IRON MAN, AND HAWKEYE, THESE NEW AVENGERS FIGHT FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND MEGACORPORATIONS LIKE ALCHEMAX. THIS IS

SECRET WARS 2099

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

NOW ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD!

A MASSIVE PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

ONE OF THOSE REGIONS IS A NEW YORK OF THE NEAR FUTURE – ONE WHERE MEGACORPORATIONS CONTROL NOT ONLY THE CITIZENS, BUT THE AVENGERS, AS WELL!

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I DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'S ANY CHANCE YOU MIGHT SURRENDER PEACEABLY?
RETURN THE GEMS YOU'VE STOLEN AND WE CAN FORGET ALL THIS.
THE CHAIN GANG, SURRENDER? THOU DOST UNDERESTIMATE THEM, SURELY, CAPTAIN!
HERC, WAIT!
CERTAINLY THEY WOULD NOT FLINCH FROM A CHANCE TO BATTLE THE PRINCE OF POWER!
UNFFF!
IDIOT.
ZARK!
URKKHHH!

HOLY SHOCK!
UNF!
GREETINGS, DAMSEL. THOU ART ATTRACTIVE.
LET ME ATTEND TO THESE MONGRELS AND THEN PERHAPS WE CAN HAVE DINNER.
YOU SMASHED INTO THE SIDE OF MY CAR!
WHAT CAR?
ALL RIGHT. I'M SHUTTING THIS DOWN RIGHT NOW.
FWAZAAAAK

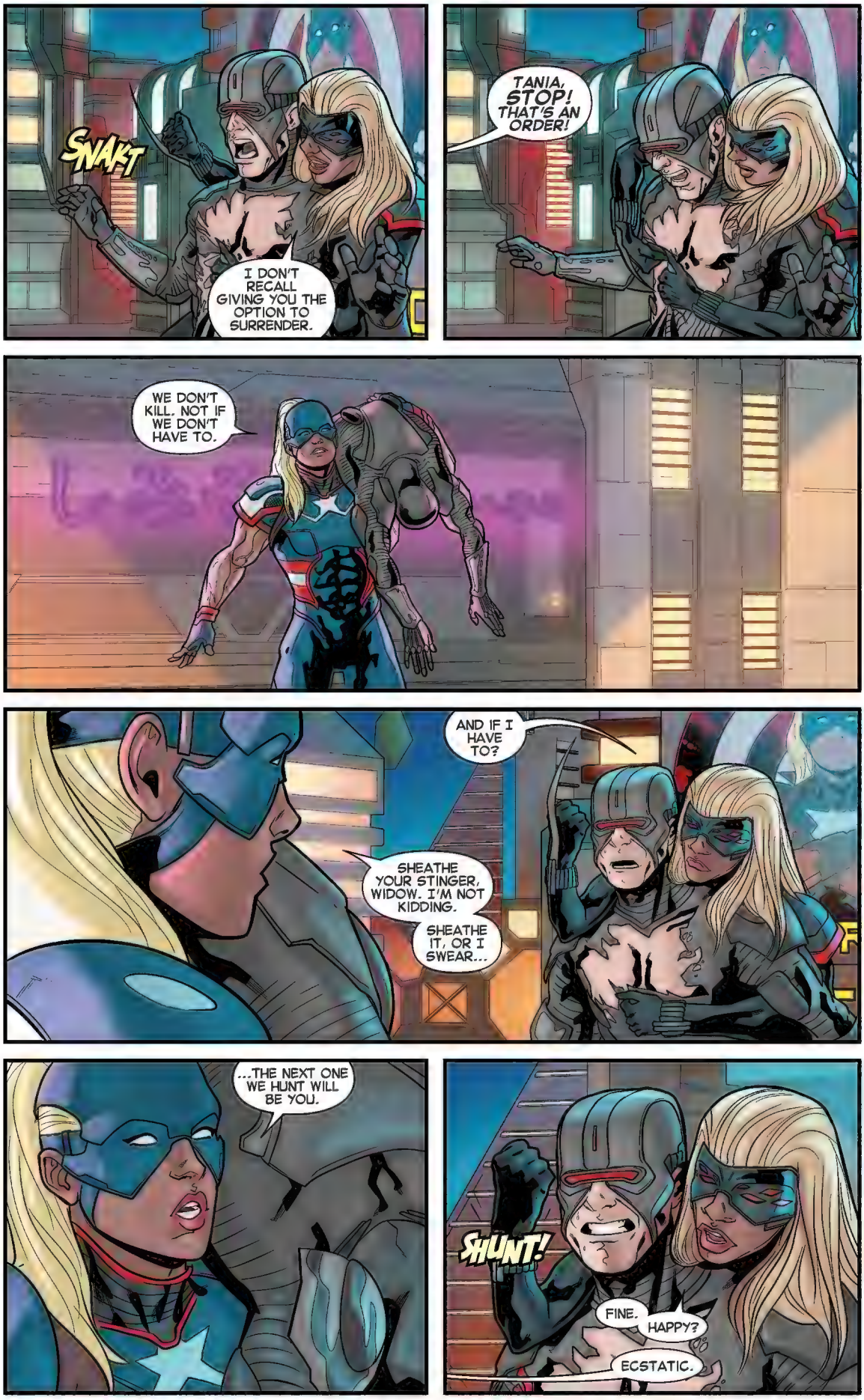
SCATTER! LEAVE 'EM BEHIND!
HAWKEYE! GIVE ME A LIFT!
NOT A PROBLEM.
FUJIKAWA
WHAT'S THE MATTER, IRON HAM? HAVING TROUBLE AIMING?

ONLY NEED FOUR ACCURATE SHOTS TO TAKE DOWN ALL OF YOU.
BLAKOW
SAME GOES FOR US, HOTSHOT!
ARGH!
HAWKEYE!
STARK FUJIKAWA
OKAY, WELL... THIS IS UNFORTUNATE.
THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.
A FIVE MILLION-CREDIT BOUNTY FOR WHOEVER KILLS CAPTAIN AMERICA, AND I'M GONNA BE THE ONE TO GET IT!

REALLY? IS THAT HOW MUCH I'M GOING FOR?
SWOOSH!
LAST YEAR IT WAS JUST A MILLION.
I MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.
HOLD ON A MOMENT...
...I LIKE TO SEE THE FACE OF WHOEVER I'M TALKING TO.

THERE.
KRUUUNK
NONON--
WAAAAM
FACE-TO-FACE IS SO MUCH BETTER, DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SURRENDER, YOU KNOW.
MAYBE NEXT TIME...
KRAAASH
...YOU'LL BE SMARTER!

MEANWHILE...
Unhhh...
NO, NO. DON'T MOVE.
I WANT TO REMEMBER YOU THIS WAY.
WHAT THE--?!
NO! GET OFF!
I SURRENDER!
KRUNK


SNAK!
I DON'T RECALL GIVING YOU THE OPTION TO SURRENDER.
TANIA, STOP! THAT'S AN ORDER!
WE DON'T KILL. NOT IF WE DON'T HAVE TO.
AND IF I HAVE TO?
SHEATHE YOUR STINGER, WIDOW. I'M NOT KIDDING.
SHEATHE IT, OR I SWEAR...
...THE NEXT ONE WE HUNT WILL BE YOU.
SHUNT!
FINE.
HAPPY?
ECSTATIC.

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT HERE?
EVERYTHING IS FINE.
TANIA WAS GOING TO KILL SOMEONE, BUT CAP STOPPED HER.
THAT'S PAR FOR THE COURSE. WHERE'S HERCULES?

LET GO OF ME!
I SAID I WOULD PAY FOR YOUR VEHICLE'S DAMAGE. NOW CALM YOURSELF.
I SAID LEGGO!

WAAAD

OWWW!
WELL, THAT WAS MINE MISTAKE.

COME, LET ME KISS IT AND MAKE IT ALL BETTER!
NO!

BACK OFF!
OOOOFFF!
YOU... DARE!
I'LL DARE A LOT MORE THAN THAT. NOW APOLOGIZE TO THIS WOMAN.
FOR WHAT? FOR GIFTING HER WITH THE ROMANTIC ATTENTIONS OF THE SON OF ZEUS?
FOR FORCING YOURSELF ON HER WITH YOUR STINKING BREATH THAT REEKS OF ALCOHOL.
HOW DO YOU THINK THE ZEUS YOU KEEP BOASTING ABOUT WOULD REACT TO KNOWING HIS SON IS ACTING LIKE A DRUNKEN ASSAULTER OF WOMEN?
HMM?
YOU ARE... CORRECT, CAPTAIN. I KNOW NOT WHAT I WAS THINKING.
MILADY...I BEG THY PARDON. MY ATTENTIONS UPON YOU WERE...WELL-MEANING BUT INDELICATE.
PLEASE ACCEPT MINE HEARTFELT APOLOGIES.
WE NEED TO REPORT BACK.
I WISH TO BE BY MINESELF, IF THAT IS ACCEPTABLE. REPORT ON MINE BEHALF.
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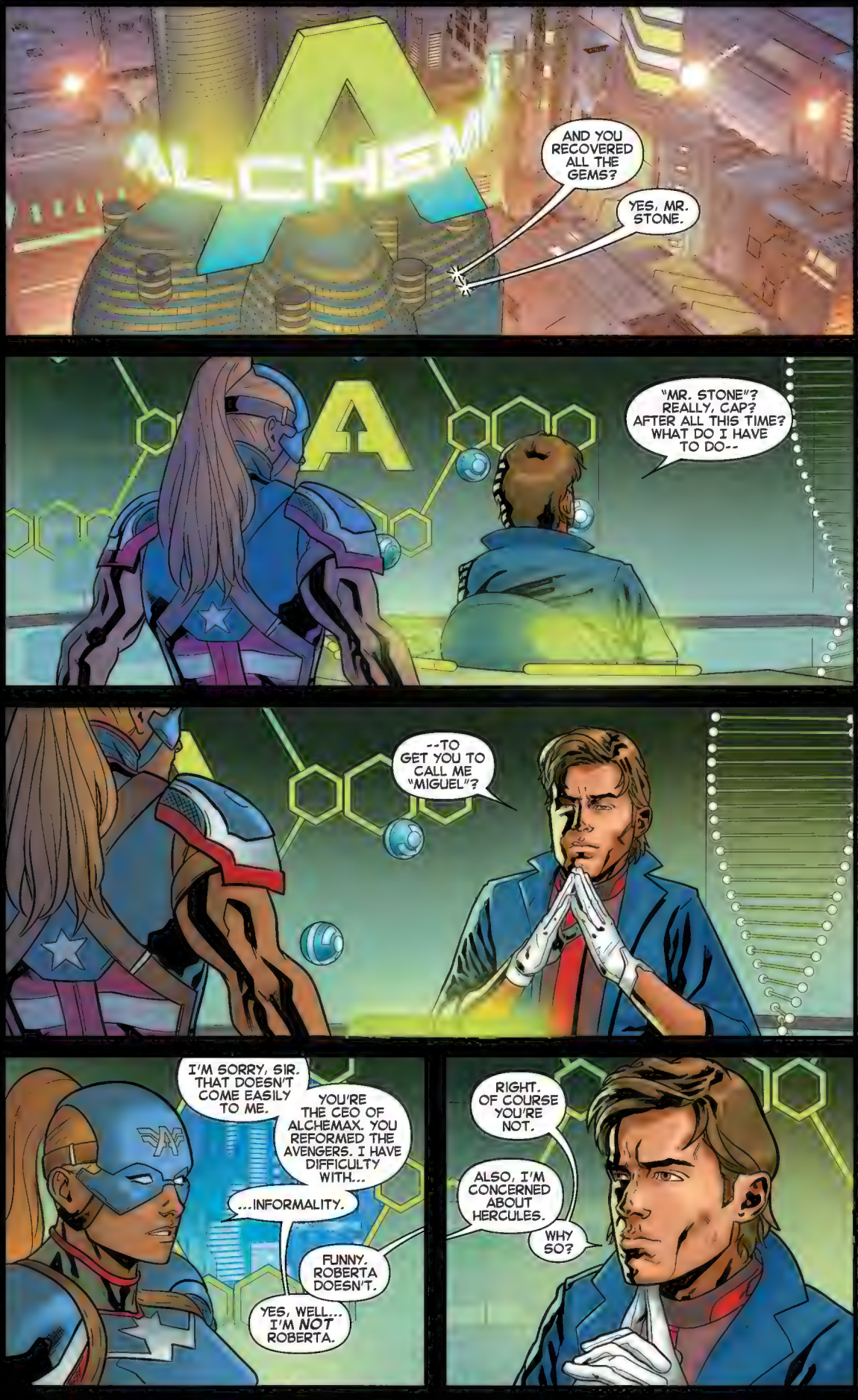
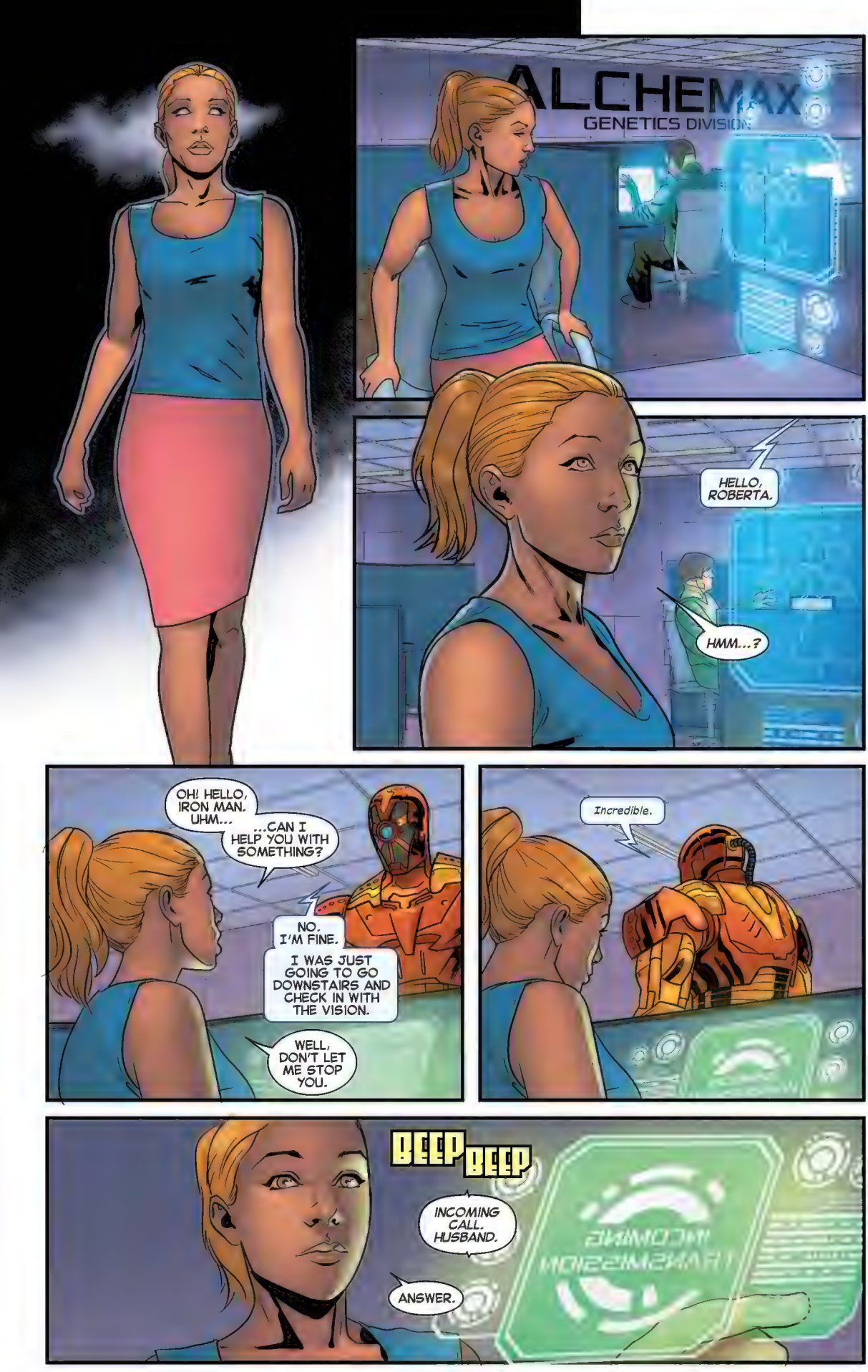

AND YOU RECOVERED ALL THE GEMS?
YES, MR. STONE.
"MR. STONE"? REALLY, CAP? AFTER ALL THIS TIME? WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO--
--TO GET YOU TO CALL ME "MIGUEL"?
I'M SORRY, SIR. THAT DOESN'T COME EASILY TO ME.
YOU'RE THE CEO OF ALCHEMAX. YOU REFORMED THE AVENGERS. I HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH...
...INFORMALITY.
FUNNY. ROBERTA DOESN'T.
YES, WELL... I'M NOT ROBERTA.
RIGHT. OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT.
ALSO, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HERCULES.
WHY SO?

BECAUSE HE DRINKS ALL THE TIME.
I'M REASONABLY SURE OLYMPIANS CAN HANDLE THEIR BOOZE BETTER THAN WE CAN.
HE'S CONSUMING THE EQUIVALENT OF A LIQUOR STORE A DAY. I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM SOBER.
AND HE WAS TREATING A WOMAN IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH A HERO.
I'LL TALK TO HIM.
THANK YOU, MR. STONE.
THAT IT?
YES, SIR.
OKAY. DISMISSED.
GOOD EVENING, CAPTAIN.
CAPTAIN?
SHE'S IN TRANSITION MODE--HAVE TO CALL HER ROBERTA NOW. WHAT'S UP, WINSTON?
YOUR FATHER CALLED. HE'D LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH YOU.
SCREW HIM.
YES, SIR.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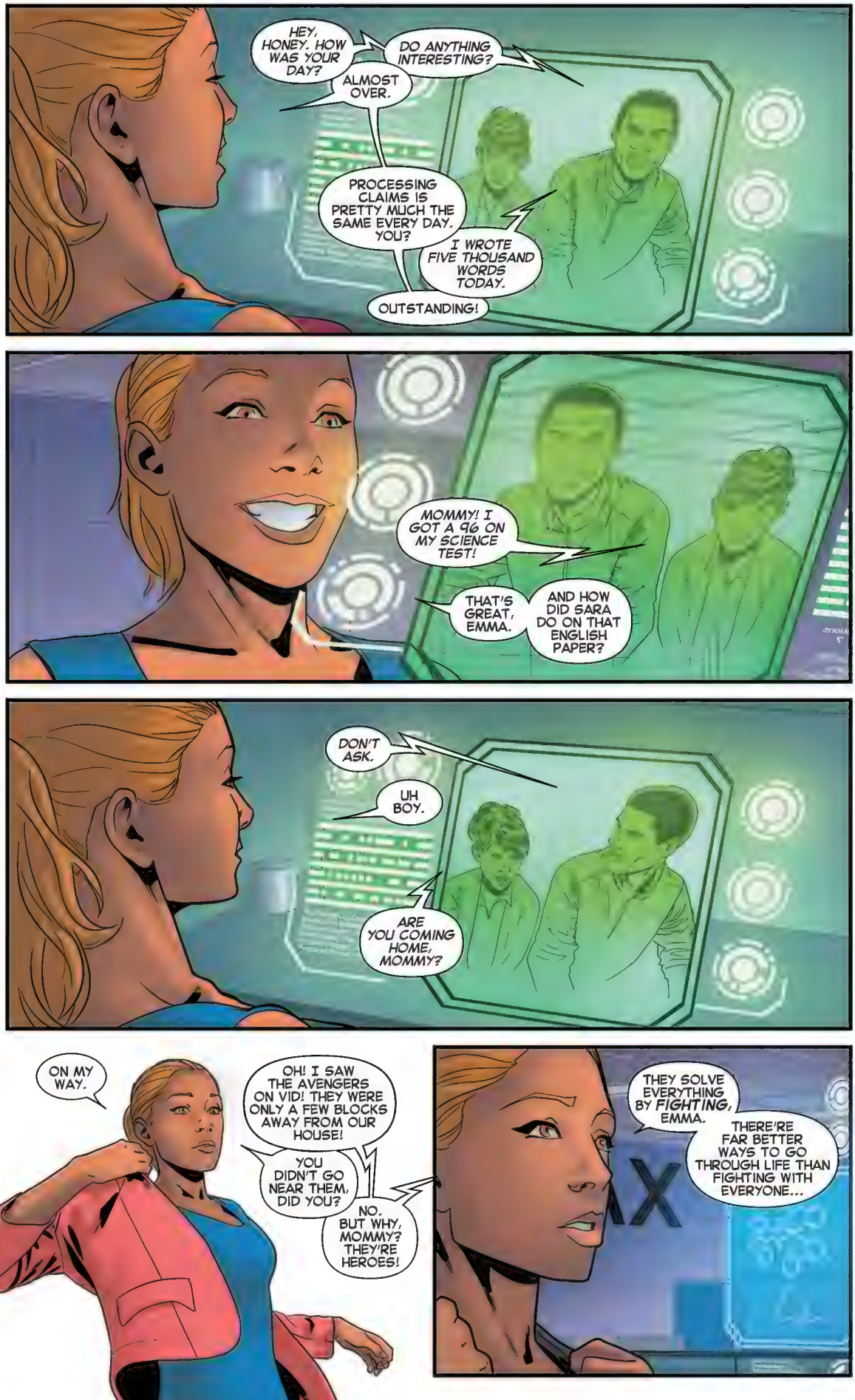
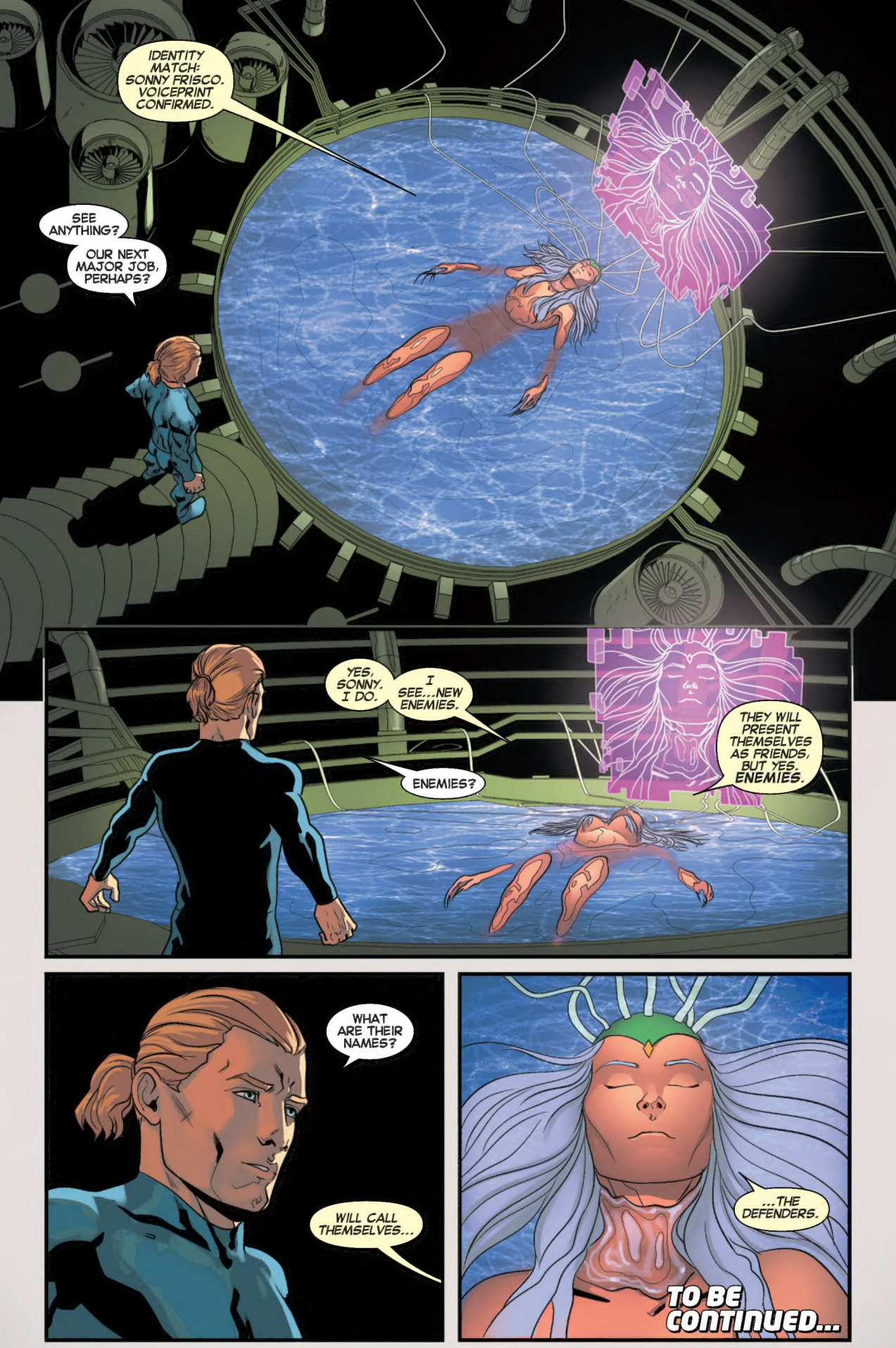
GENETICS DIVISION
HELLO, ROBERTA.
HMM...?
OH! HELLO, IRON MAN. UHM...
...CAN I HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING?
NO. I'M FINE.
I WAS JUST GOING TO GO DOWNSTAIRS AND CHECK IN WITH THE VISION.
WELL, DON'T LET ME STOP YOU.
Incredible.
BEEP BEEP
INCOMING CALL. HUSBAND.
ANSWER.


HEY, HONEY. HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
DO ANYTHING INTERESTING?
ALMOST OVER.
PROCESSING CLAIMS IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME EVERY DAY. YOU?
I WROTE FIVE THOUSAND WORDS TODAY.
OUTSTANDING!
MOMMY! I GOT A 96 ON MY SCIENCE TEST!
THAT'S GREAT, EMMA.
AND HOW DID SARA DO ON THAT ENGLISH PAPER?
DON'T ASK.
UH BOY.
ARE YOU COMING HOME, MOMMY?
ON MY WAY.
OH! I SAW THE AVENGERS ON VID! THEY WERE ONLY A FEW BLOCKS AWAY FROM OUR HOUSE!
YOU DIDN'T GO NEAR THEM, DID YOU?
NO. BUT WHY, MOMMY? THEY'RE HEROES!
THEY SOLVE EVERYTHING BY FIGHTING, EMMA.
THERE'RE FAR BETTER WAYS TO GO THROUGH LIFE THAN FIGHTING WITH EVERYONE...

"...TRUST ME ON THAT."
YOU'RE OFF THE BOOZE, HERC. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
I HAVE ALREADY REMOVED MYSELF FROM "THE BOOZE."
THIS IS APPLE CIDER.
OKAY, WELL...GOOD. YOU CARE TO TELL ME WHY YOU WERE HITTING IT SO HARD?
TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF MEGARA'S DEATH.
WELL, WE MORTALS DO TEND TO DIE, UNFORTUNATELY.
I KILLED HER.
IN A FIT OF MADNESS LAIN UPON ME BY HERA, I KILLED HER AND OUR THREE CHILDREN.
THESE HANDS DID THAT.

HELLO, VISION.


IDENTITY MATCH: SONNY FRISCO. VOICEPRINT CONFIRMED.
SEE ANYTHING?
OUR NEXT MAJOR JOB, PERHAPS?
YES, SONNY. I DO.
I SEE...NEW ENEMIES.
ENEMIES?
THEY WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES AS FRIENDS, BUT YES, ENEMIES.
WHAT ARE THEIR NAMES?
WILL CALL THEMSELVES...
...THE DEFENDERS.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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Hello in here, out there, around the world, and aboard all the ships at sea!

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the future...

It's been a tremendous adventure working on the 2099 family of books, and, speaking for the entire team, we couldn't be more excited to have you aboard for this rip-roaring romp through the futuristic section of Battleworld.

If there's anyone who knows the world of Marvel 2099 better than Peter David, we haven't met him. So, when the opportunity to build this small corner of Battleworld arose, going to Peter was an easy choice. Add to that the terrific art of Will Sliney, Antonio Fabela and Andres Mossa, and you've got the prettiest comic book this side of the year 2099. Joe Caramagna is our letterer for this particular tale, and he's cracked it out of the park, as you can tell.

Now, eagle-eyed readers will recognize that the entire team I've listed here recently wrapped work on the SPIDER-MAN 2099 ongoing series, and we couldn't think of a better crew to tell the story of The Avengers of 2099 -- a team not seen in Marvel lore before the very comic you hold in your hands!

So stick with us, gang! This ride's only just getting started, and there are even more surprises to come.

Over and out!
Devin

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